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2015 ANU Report to Donors



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# A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



## It gives me great pleasure to introduce The Australian National University's 2015 Report to Donors.

ANU is one of the world's leading research institutions – attaining a place in the world's top 20 universities in 2015 and reinforcing its position as Australia's top-ranked university. The QS World University Rankings for 2015-16 rated ANU as equal 19th in the world, up from 25 last year.

In 2015, ANU graduates were named the most employable in the nation. ANU was Australia's top university for getting a job for the third year in a row in the Global Employability University Rankings for 2015.

We have achieved this by delivering an unrivalled student experience and we are unwavering in our commitment to excellence. This success could not have been achieved – and can't be sustained – without your support.

Throughout this report you'll read how philanthropic gifts are being used to invest in ANU and secure its place as a world-leading university. From creating opportunities for developing-world scientists to helping our researchers gain insights into socio-economic health, your support takes many forms.

With the University's continued investment in fundraising, 2015 saw a significant increase in contributions from alumni with the second Phone Appeal raising more than \$93,845 from 850 pledged gifts. More than \$8 million (including pledges) was donated to the University in 2015.

This success was also reflected in the growth of the ANU Endowment for Excellence from \$257 million to \$276 million. The Endowment distributed more than \$9.9 million in support of education and research across the University over the course of the year.

We have a responsibility to report to you, our supporters, on the Endowment and the many faces contained within these pages tell the real story.

Sean Barrett's story, one of Indigenous support at ANU on page 26, explores his experience as the inaugural John James Foundation PhD Scholar, graduating from the ANU Medical School in 2015.

I also encourage you to read on page 22, the story of the Clark Davis Ivins Memorial Prize in Security Studies. David Akers, General Manager of the ANU Colleges of Science, reflects on his family's motivation for giving to ANU in memory of his great uncle.

Research endowments like the one established by Professor Chennupati Jagadish and his wife Vidya, reflect the unique role ANU plays in linking Australia to the world. On page 24, Jagadish explains why and what he hopes will be achieved.

Endowment funds honour the memory of a loved one and provide a way to give back to ANU. We are honoured to nurture these endowments and their recipients as they embody the passion and vision of those we remember.

A strong sense of giving back continues to permeate life at ANU, growing more prominent as we become a philanthropic university.

The University's inaugural Day of Giving, page 12, held on 7 October, demonstrated the impact of focussed efforts and we, as a community, were delighted to raise more than \$100,000 for the National Institute of Mental Health Research at ANU. It was an inspiring day involving the entire ANU community with many first-time donors to ANU supporting a very worthy cause.

And in recognition and celebration, the University launched its inaugural ANU Springbank Circle to acknowledge those who have confirmed a gift in their will to the University.

I would like to sincerely thank the University's Endowment for Excellence Board of Governors for their dedication and commitment. Their oversight and counsel is propelling the University's philanthropic culture at a pivotal stage and I have no doubt this will help ANU maintain its place among the world's great institutions. I also acknowledge and thank the board members of the Foundations of the Endowment for their contributions.

I would like to recognise the great work done by the University's outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young. Ian's vision for the development of alumni relations and fundraising activity has brought results which not only helped elevate the reputation of ANU but also shone a light on the importance of philanthropy in the higher education sector in this country.

I am proud to take up the reins of this institution – one that I have been a part of for some 20 years and one that has given me some of the best experiences of my life.

Thank you for supporting the University this year and I look forward to our journey together.



**Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC**

Vice-Chancellor and President  
The Australian National University

# FROM THE CHANCELLOR



It has been another tremendous year for ANU and I thank you – the University's many generous donors – for your support.

You support ANU in ways that are personally significant and in 2015 we saw again how this inspires and changes us for the better. The stories within these pages clearly demonstrate the impact your gifts have had on their recipients – be they students, researchers or staff.

This report captures just a sample of the diverse and loyal support you have shown us in 2015. We are humbled and eternally grateful to receive gifts from every facet of the community – individuals, families, staff, alumni, corporations and foundations.

Your generosity helps us tackle fundamental issues such as gender equity and mental health research and enriches our lives with support for the arts.

On page 42, you can read about the Bootes Foundation's wonderful support of the John Curtin School of Medical Research. On page 18, Andrew Blanch, who won first prize of the inaugural Whitworth Roach Classical Music Performance Competition, shares his thoughts.

Annual appeals like those to support the Research School of Earth Sciences Future Fund, featured on page 44, help the University to attract the next generation of academics, staff and students. These programs engage our alumni community on a global scale and direct philanthropy to where it is most needed.

In 2015, the University was thrilled to play its part in a ground-breaking partnership with the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation to establish the Westpac Scholarship Program. This partnership will create

an immersive experience for young leaders who want to gain a deeper understanding of the cultures of Asia, and what Asia and Australia's relationship has for the future.

In February I was delighted to attend the launch of the ANU Springbank Circle to recognise those who have left a gift in their will to ANU. As the inaugural Patron I have had the great pleasure to meet and hear from ANU Springbank Circle members about their motivations for giving and their affiliations with the University.

This report also remembers those who are no longer with us, and ANU will ensure their memory is preserved for future generations. We do this with the utmost respect for their contributions, knowing we are a better community for having known them. Within these pages we remember Joan Duffield, Leslie Zines, Natasha Linard, Philippa Weeks, Jacky Anne Sutton and Tony McMichael.

2015 was the first anniversary of Joan Duffield's passing and we remember her strong connection to Mount Stromlo and the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics. Joan's story on page 16 is a wonderful embodiment of the expression 'leaving a legacy'.

The report also recognises the unwavering loyalty of donors like Carmen O'Regan who give selflessly year after year to remember loved ones.

What these and so many other stories demonstrate is that every gift makes a difference. Whether it's a current student or new graduate making his or her first gift to the annual phone appeal, or a planned gift like Joan's, every dollar helps. Every dollar creates an opportunity to change a life. Thank you for the part you play in changing lives.

As you would be aware, 2015 was Professor Ian Young's last year as ANU Vice-Chancellor. Ian was an outstandingly successful Vice-Chancellor. He modernised the operation and enhanced the reputation of this University, leaving it in an even stronger state than that in which he found it, notwithstanding relentless financial and budgetary pressures. He was never afraid of a challenge or a difficult decision and I thank him for his magnificent service to the University.

ANU is now a university with an excellent academic reputation, improved administration, in good financial shape with strong donor support, as evidenced in these pages, and well positioned for its next era.

I heartily welcome our new Vice-Chancellor, the eminent astrophysicist and Nobel Laureate, Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC. Brian's vision, vitality, global stature and communication skills are going to take our national university to places it has never been before.

I hope you enjoy this report and I sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Professor the Hon Gareth Evans  
AC QC FASSA FAIIA**

Chancellor  
The Australian National University

# 2015 GIVING BY NUMBERS

## Funds raised and pledged in 2015



**\$8.1 million**

New funds raised for the University

**\$9.2 million**

Funds received for 2015

**\$223,335**

Given to ANU by staff through the workplace giving program

**\$956,868**

Largest pledge made in 2015

**3,075**

Number of gifts received in 2015

## How it helped



**219**

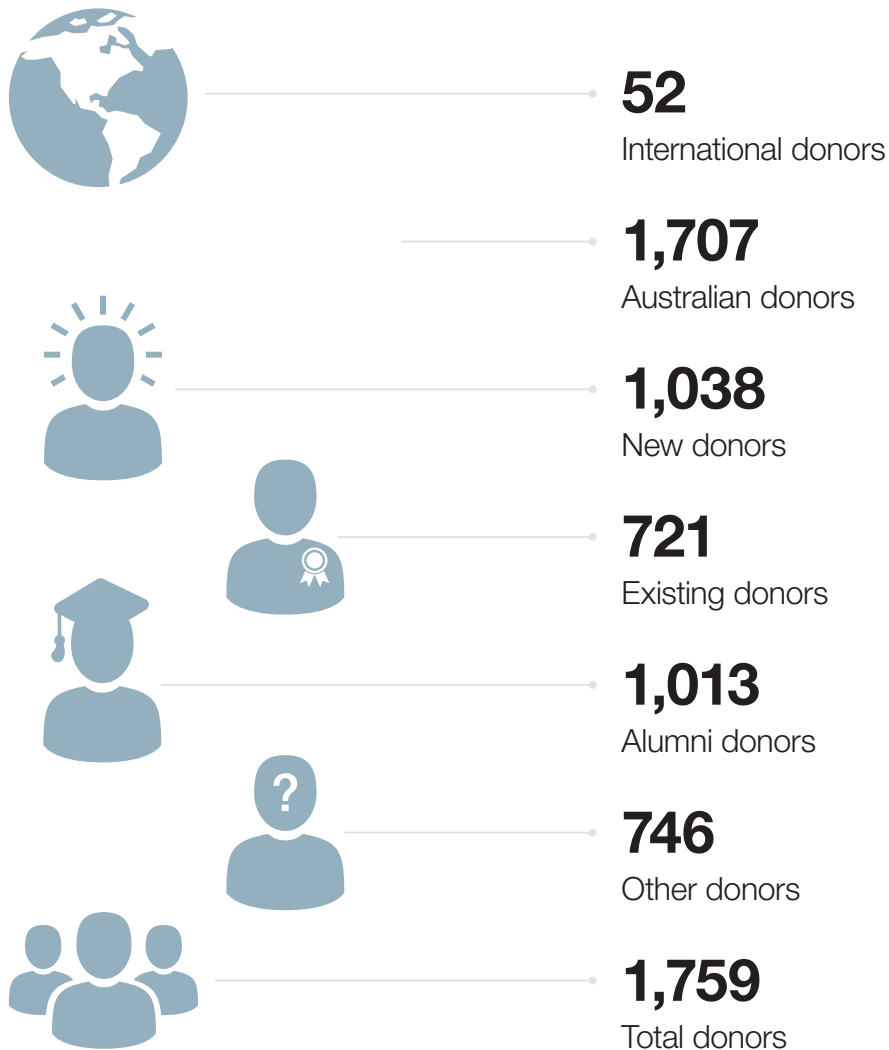
Scholarships awarded

**\$9.9 million**

In support of education and research



## Who gave



1 Includes pledges, donations from ANU Foundation USA, gifts-in-kind. Excludes philanthropic grants.

2 Includes donations from ANU Foundation USA and gifts-in-kind. Excludes philanthropic grants and pledges.

3 Amount disbursed from Endowment funds.

4 Includes gift-in-kind donors, excludes pledges and philanthropic grants.

NB: All figures refer to activity in the Endowment for Excellence in 2015 unless specified otherwise.

For more financial detail on the Endowment see page 78.

# 2015 ANNUAL GIVING

## 2015 Annual Appeal

The Annual Giving Program aims to create a community of donors and supporters that is committed to enhancing opportunities for ANU, its students, faculty and staff. Supporting Annual Giving is one of the most direct ways to have a positive impact on the rich educational experience that touches the entire ANU and broader ACT communities.

In 2015 the Annual Giving Program included a number of appeals to alumni and friends across the University. Support was sought for The ANU Fund, Earth Sciences Future Fund, Burton and Garran Hall Endowment, Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics Endowment and The ANU Foundation USA.

Central to the Annual Giving Program is the University's single largest outreach activity – the Annual Phone Appeal. Spanning six weeks, the 2015 Phone Appeal gave alumni the opportunity to speak with one of thirty-eight student callers from across ANU.

Over the six weeks of calling, student callers had 5,163 conversations with alumni and friends throughout Australia. These conversations resulted in 850 pledged gifts to ANU and enabled student callers to share their personal stories, give updates about what is happening on campus, seek feedback on events and communications and explore ways for alumni to stay meaningfully connected to their alma mater.

The 2015 Phone Appeal raised \$93,845 in pledged gifts to support The ANU Fund and the National Institute for Mental Health Research; a clear demonstration of the generosity of alumni and friends of the University.

Every gift, whatever its size, is valuable and will be invested in ANU students and research immediately. Funds raised through the 2015 Phone Appeal will have a very real impact, helping ANU to increase scholarships and prizes, strengthen teaching facilities, improve campus activities and ensure that innovative research at ANU continues to push boundaries.

IMAGE: ANU student callers in the 2015 Phone Room. (Photo by Michael Burke)



## Young alumnus pays it forward

Philanthropy enabled Zheng Bo Wang (BE (Hons) '10, BSc '10) to leave his home in Perth and have access to a world-class education at ANU.

Zheng Bo was pleased to be called during the University's inaugural Phone Appeal in December 2014 and to support The ANU Fund.

"After I graduated I felt like I had lost touch with ANU a little so it felt good to be called. I hadn't really had any opportunities to connect with alumni or students since graduating. There have been some ANU alumni events in Sydney but because of a busy schedule I couldn't attend them."

"Participating in the Phone Appeal gave me an opportunity to play a role in the alumni program and become an active member of the alumni community."

As a recipient of a National Undergraduate Scholarship, Zheng Bo knows first-hand the difference financial support can make to a student's life.

"There is no way I could have attended ANU if I hadn't received a scholarship. It meant a lot to me."

After making a donation to The ANU Fund in 2014, Zheng Bo was eager to continue his support the following year.

"I enjoy giving and I think it's good to give back. There are a lot of different causes you can give to but I think university is crucial. A university degree can really change a person's life."

"I really enjoyed studying at ANU which helped form who I am today. I want to do my part to help make it a better University and help other people."







## 2015 Day of Giving

On Wednesday 7 October, during National Mental Health Awareness Week, the ANU Community came together with a goal of raising \$50,000 for The National Institute for Mental Health Research (NIMHR) at ANU.

NIMHR represents the best and brightest of ANU – conducting world-class research that has direct impact improving the lives of millions across the globe. To date, more than one million people from over 222 nation states around the world have accessed its online self-help programs.

More than 470 donors gave to the inaugural Day of Giving Campaign, helping to raise in excess of \$40,000. The Bruce Hall community also donated \$10,000 from its Protect Your Head Campaign, helping to reach the \$50,000 target.

Two generous donors provided a matched gift taking the overall total of the campaign to \$100,905.

President of the Bruce Hall Residents Committee Jamon Shay, was pleased that the Hall's fundraising throughout the year would make a significant impact.

"Our goal through the Tour de Bruce, a 500km ride from Dubbo to Canberra, was to not only raise funds for mental health research, but also raise awareness of the impact mental illness has among the wider ANU community. Thanks to the matched gift, the Bruce Hall community was able to double our contribution in support of mental health research at ANU," said Jamon.



NIMHR Director, Professor Kathy Griffiths was delighted with the outcome.

"The support shown by the wider ANU community reflects the broad impact that mental illness has on so many people's lives," Professor Griffiths said.

"NIMHR is so grateful to everyone who supported the campaign, especially the two anonymous donors who generously provided a matched gift. The funds raised will ensure that NIMHR continues to lead the way in mental health research that is translated into programs that make a real difference to lives of people around the world."

IMAGES: (Above) 2015 Tour de Bruce participants. (Photo by Jamon Shay)  
(Opposite) Detail of Le Café by Marie Jönsson-Harrison. (Image courtesy of NIMHR)







## Looking for answers

Many people who lose a loved one to suicide immediately start to go through the ‘what-ifs’. What if we’d been more aware? What if they’d got treatment earlier? What if we’d been able to refer them to mental health services? Was there a physiological or neurological condition underlying the mental illness?

And so it was for Carmel O’Regan and her family when Carmel’s older brother, Bernie, took his own life in February 2004.

Bernie was 37 years old at the time, and had attempted suicide on two previous occasions after many years struggling mental illness.

“Bernie’s death was like an explosion in the family. It shook us all so much,” Carmel said. “Twelve years on we’re still deeply saddened, and miss him every day, but we’re all coping.”

For Carmel, an early coping mechanism was to seek out answers by way of supporting mental health research.

“My sister put me on to the National Institute of Mental Health Research (NIMHR) at ANU,” Carmel said. “We had all of these questions and research was the obvious answer. The only way we are ever going to get answers to these questions is if we research these approaches.”

Carmel said she was convinced early on that the University’s research endeavours would provide valuable insights into mental health service delivery, among other programs.

She decided to set aside small but regular contributions to support the NIMHR research programs in the long term.

“Research organisations need stability in their funding and that’s why I set it up that way – small but consistent, in the hope that lots of other people would do the same and continue funding this important research.”

In the years since Bernie’s death, Carmel said she had detected a shift in community attitudes to mental health, with more open conversations occurring about mental health.

“It’s not to say there’s not still a long way to go, but I think that awareness in turn will flow through to funding research. The more people are aware of it, the more they recognise mental health issues in the community, and the more motivated they will be hopefully to support organisations that do this kind of work.”



# COMMUNITY

## Stars of Stromlo

The Duffield family name is woven through the history of Mount Stromlo Observatory. So it was only fitting that the mountain would be chosen as the final resting place of original resident and long-term supporter, Joan Duffield.

Joan, who passed away peacefully at 104 years, was the daughter of inaugural director Professor Walter Geoffrey Duffield.

In March 2015, Joan's family were joined by Professor Matthew Colless, Director for the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Duffield Chair Professor Ken Freeman, then ANU Vice-Chancellor Ian Young, former Duffield scholars, and students to pay tribute to the legacy left by Joan and her father.

Professor W.G. Duffield (known as Geoffrey to colleagues and friends) spent 18 years lobbying for the establishment of an observatory at Mount Stromlo, and in 1924 became the inaugural Director of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory, as it was initially named.

W.G. Duffield died after just five years as director, but his daughter Joan so fondly remembered her time growing up at Mount Stromlo that she maintained a lifetime connection with the Observatory.

"Joan's father was not just the first director, but the person whose politicking and work led to the building of an observatory at Mount Stromlo," said Professor Matthew Colless.

"It was certainly a very visionary thing to do. Canberra at the time was about three men and their dog, and the very first thing you think to build may not be an observatory, but he was a very driven person."

In later years, Joan would often travel from her home in Victoria to visit her parents' graves at Mount Stromlo, and was always keenly interested with the researchers' projects and achievements.

In 1996, the Joan Duffield Postgraduate Scholarship was established to encourage outstanding Australian students to pursue PhD degree courses in Astronomy and Astrophysics at ANU.

"A good number of Duffield scholars have gone on to very significant careers in astronomy," Matthew said.

Then, in 1999, Joan set up the Duffield Chair in Astronomy in honour of her father. The Duffield Chair has been occupied by Professor Kenneth Freeman, winner of the Prime Minister's Prize for Science in 2013.

Joan also stepped in to lend support to the Observatory in 2003 when it was damaged by the Canberra bushfires. A generous donation from Joan enabled the precision re-engineering of the heliostat, which was destroyed in the fire.

Joan's nephew, Andrew Duffield, said Joan's lifetime engagement with the Observatory was "in many ways ... Walter's legacy being returned again to Mount Stromlo".

And the family's commitment will be felt for many years to come at the Observatory, with Joan making a bequest to continue the family's contribution into the future.

IMAGE: Joan Duffield. (Photo courtesy of the Duffield family)





## Lifetime love of classical music

Miss Christine Whitworth had her first taste of classical music at about the age of 10 when her parents took her to a Chopin piano recital.

It was then that Christine became hooked on classical music and set about convincing her parents to buy her a piano.

First, in 1960, the family bought a Phillips Beethoven radiogram. Before the treasured item had even been delivered, Christine had bought several classical Bakelite records to play. And then, when she was 17, Christine finally took possession of a second-hand German Klingmann pianola, which was converted into a piano for her.

Listening, playing and appreciating classical music has been such a constant in Christine's life, that when she was looking for ways to give back to the community, her mind turned to the ANU School of Music.

"I'm passionate about classical music, and it's really hard work for young talented musicians at the beginning of their careers," Christine said. "I just want to support them."

The inaugural Whitworth Roach Classical Music Performance Competition was held in 2015 as part of the School of Music's 50th anniversary celebrations.

As well as recognising the talents of ANU musicians, the competition features a performance from internationally acclaimed musicians to further coach and inspire students. In 2015, invited pianist Joe Chindamo and violinist Zoe Black performed in the University's Llewellyn Hall.



Competition winner, classical guitarist Andrew Blanch, said taking first prize in a significant event like the Whitworth Roach Classical Music Performance Competition was a tremendous boost.

"It's good for your self-belief," said Andrew, who completed his Bachelor of Music with First-Class Honours in 2013 and is currently working on his PhD at the ANU School of Music.

Andrew said the first prize of \$10,000 has also given him the freedom to take risks. The winnings have partly funded a trip to Paris to research the teaching methods of one of the world's best classical guitar teachers, Judicaël Perroy, for his PhD.

Enroute to Paris, Andrew stopped off in San Francisco to compete in the 3rd International Guitar Competition Maurizio Biasini.

"It's quite a competitive competition and because I had won the money from the Whitworth Roach, it enabled me to take that risk and I ended up coming third," said Andrew, who has also recently released his debut album.

IMAGES: (Above) From left: Rowan Harvey-Martin, Andrew Blanch, Aaron Chew, Kyle Daniel, Matthew Ventura, Miss Whitworth, Paul McMahon, Joe Chindamo, Zoe Black and Erin Helyard.

(Opposite) Miss Christine Whitworth presents Andrew with first prize. (Photos by Peter Hislop)





## Supporting women in science

The John Curtin School of Medicine Gender Equity Award, which was first awarded in 2015, aims to open doors for medical researchers as they strive to maintain careers in science while managing a young family.

The award was established through an initial donation by Professor Carola Garcia de Vinuesa, Head, Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease, and will continue with the support of ANU alumnus Mr Richard Miller and the John Curtin School of Medical Research.

Richard said it makes sense to support women when family demands threaten to interrupt their careers in science.

“We put all of this capital investment – and I am speaking economically – into bringing people to [an advanced] stage, and then we close the door on them,” he said.

Richard said the flexibility of the award would allow women to use the funds in a manner that best facilitated their career continuity.

One of the 2015 recipients, Dr Anne Bruestle, who was pregnant when she received the award, planned to use the money to fund her parents to travel to Australia from Germany to assist with child care when her baby was born. Dr Rebecca Sweet also received the award in 2015.

Richard, who studied law at ANU in the 1960s, said he was driven to make the donation because he wanted to give back to the University.

“I spent my working life as a lawyer, so I owe my wellbeing to what I learnt [at ANU],” said Richard, adding that he had initially thought about making a donation in his will. “But having seen just how many women were working within John Curtin as scientists and, [finding that] many of these women’s careers were curtailed because of their personal circumstances related to having children, I thought the most appropriate step was to do something now.”

Richard described his donation as “modest” and encouraged other donors not to be dissuaded from donating because “it’s not enough”.

“Small amounts can really make something viable,” he said. “There is much attention given to the grandiosity of the large donation, but my small amount helps two women to continue in science for the benefit of our society.”







# STAFF GIVING

## Honouring a fallen soldier

Private Clark Davis Ivins was just 24-years-old when he died of wounds received at the Battle of Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea in 1942.

He was not a highly decorated soldier or an influential General, but a young house painter from the Queensland bush who had been dragged into the theatre of war by world events beyond his control.

General Manager of the ANU Colleges of Science, Mr David Akers, together with his wife, mother and extended family, have established the Clark Davis Ivins Memorial Prize for Security Studies in memory of David's uncle, who died well before David was born.

David's mother, Lorna, who was just nine-years-old when her brother was killed in Papua New Guinea, had become increasingly concerned with preserving the memory of her brother and the prize promised to ensure that Clark would not be forgotten.

David said it was Clark's "everyman" qualities that would hopefully strike a chord with students at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, where the prize has been set up in the young soldier's honour.

The prize is awarded annually to the first-year student who scores the highest average mark across courses completed in a Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Security or Bachelor of International Security Studies program. As well as paying a tribute to his uncle, the prize is aimed at inspiring first-year students to continue their studies.



"Our aim is to build this family endowment over the next few years to enable us to provide, in addition to the prize, an annual travel grant for ANU security studies students to undertake a study program in Japan," David said.

He said the prize represented a "nice synergy" between honouring Clark's memory and doing something constructive in supporting students who were focusing on strategic issues, particularly engagement with the Asian region.

As an ANU staff member, David said establishing the prize also provided the opportunity to link a workplace community with a family community.

"It's a nice little story about how you can, through workplace giving, contribute to the University while doing something that is a lasting gift to a broader family community."

IMAGES: (Above) From left: Kate Akers, David Akers, Lorna Akers and Nicholas Campton-Smith.

(Opposite) Lorna Akers presents a certificate to the inaugural recipient, Nicholas Campton-Smith. (Photos courtesy of David Akers)



## Inspiring developing-world scientists

Were it not for the guidance and support of his parents and two influential teachers, Professor Chennupati Jagadish may well be ploughing fields in his homeland of India.

Instead, Jagadish is Distinguished Professor and Head of the Semiconductor Optoelectronics and Nanotechnology Group at the Research School of Physics and Engineering (RSPE) at ANU. With his wife, Vidya, who is also a scientist, Jagadish has established the Chennupati and Vidya Jagadish Endowment Fund.

The Fund will support up to four scholarships or fellowships a year for students and researchers from the developing world to study or conduct collaborative research for up to three months at RSPE.

Jagadish, who studied by the light of a kerosene lamp up until grade seven, was invited to live with his high school maths and science teacher for three years to give him access to a high school education. Another high school teacher provided encouragement and support to pursue further studies.

“The generosity of those two teachers in India made a huge difference for me. My wife also came from a small place in India, and we both started out with limited opportunities and limited resources,”

Jagadish said. “So we felt it was time to give something back to improve the opportunities for people in need.”

The program will expose researchers from developing countries to the University and its state-of-the-art facilities.

“Hopefully they will go back to their country and feel passionate about science and technology, and be inspired to become scientists of the highest calibre possible,” Jagadish said.

“Science and technology really provides the quality of life that we have in the modern world and we want to inspire people to contribute to advancements in science and technology in terms of making a difference to the world.”

The experience would also allow these researchers to meet other academics and be exposed to networks that may be beneficial to them later in their career, he said.

“Maybe they will come back as PhD students to Australia or to ANU. It is to open doors for them,” Jagadish said. “The purpose of the Endowment is to create opportunities for people who have limited opportunities.”





# EDUCATION

## Priceless start in medicine

Winning the inaugural John James Foundation's Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship in 2012 was a surprising and welcome financial boost for Dr Sean Barrett.

"The scholarship provided financial stability so I didn't have to find part-time work to support myself throughout the degree, allowing me to focus purely on my studies instead of stressing about money," said Sean, who grew up on the NSW south coast.

But the financial security the scholarship offered the now 24-year-old doctor, was just one of the many benefits of the award.

Sean, whose father is an Indigenous man from Tharawal land in western Sydney, said attending John James Foundation board meetings enabled him to get to know many of Canberra's leading clinicians.

"The [board members] were really helpful in educating me more about the lifestyle of medicine than the purely academic side of things," Sean said. "They talked to me about staying sane doing a [high-pressure] job with long hours."

Throughout medical school, Sean completed a research project with John James Foundation chairman Professor Paul Smith.

"He took me under his wing a bit and helped me to mature as a person," Sean said.

Professor Paul Smith, an orthopaedic surgeon, said the Indigenous scholarship at ANU was just one of the many ways in which the Foundation supported the health sector. "As Canberra's largest health and medical foundation, the John James Foundation plays a key role in supporting health education and research."

Paul agreed that the mentorship provided alongside the scholarship was a key benefit.

"We engage with our students and they have the opportunity to undertake clinical placement with our broad membership," Paul said. "It's a rich resource and, if they want to do specialist training, they can get a window into the world of the various specialties."

Paul said the John James Foundation decided to establish an Indigenous scholarship to help to boost the number of Indigenous medical officers.

"It's gradually but surely being addressed over time – people are coming through the medical training programs. And that's obviously going to continue to contribute to the improvement of health of our Indigenous population," he said.

Paul said the financial security provided by the scholarship was designed to be particularly helpful in a "full-on" course like medicine.

He said it allowed students the freedom to fully engage with the educational landscape at ANU and with their peers, and this was often difficult for students who were trying to self-support and study.

"It's a bit of flexibility so you can become a productive member of a peer group and enjoy, to a degree, that whole education process."

Sean's journey continues in 2016 when he commences his intern year under the watchful eye of supervisor Dr David Hardman, vascular surgeon and deputy chairman of the Foundation.

"These incredibly senior doctors have taken time out to make sure that I was doing well," Sean said. "It really made a big difference throughout the four years."

IMAGE: From left: Professor Paul Smith, Dr Sean Barrett, Phil Greenwood. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)







**Thank you!**

**The annual Celebration of Giving recognises and celebrates the University's generous supporters. The Vice-Chancellor and the Endowment Board of Governors welcomed more than 350 guests to the event in 2015.**









## Forging a path for women in engineering

From the moment Dr Natasha Linard began her Bachelor of Systems Engineering degree at ANU in 1990, she was determined to support her fellow female engineering students and not to allow the program's gender imbalance hold her, or them, back.

Natasha, who died from a cardiac arrest at the age of 42, was one of just five women in the University's first undergraduate engineering intake of 55. Throughout Natasha's career – from her role as co-founder and vice president of the ANU Engineering Students Association to her commitment to mentoring younger women in the profession – Natasha was passionate about encouraging women in engineering.

Natasha was an ambassador for the ANU Engineering Program in ACT Schools, especially to girls, and in 1998 she organised the Engineering Your Future Workshop, aimed at Year 12 female students.

Shortly after Natasha's death in 2014, her University colleagues pulled together to establish a scholarship in honour of Natasha's extensive contribution to women in engineering both in the ANU Engineering Program and in the profession more broadly.

Natasha's father, Keith Linard, said the Natasha Linard Scholarship for Women in Engineering is a fitting tribute to his daughter's commitment to paving a way for women in engineering.

"Natasha knew she was going into a macho, male-oriented profession. So, right from the start, she threw herself into supporting and encouraging her female colleagues and addressing harassment whenever it occurred," he said.



Keith, a retired engineer, said the profession suffers from its lack of gender equality, noting that in 2014, just 14 per cent of engineering students in Australian universities were women, compared with 50 per cent in natural and physical sciences. "As a consequence, society is diminished by this loss of the perspectives and insights of women engineers."

Keith said in tandem with the scholarship, the endowment would foster broader mentorship, in collaboration with the YWCA 'She Leads' leadership program. "We are hoping that through the mentorship program, we will be helping to build an 'engineering sisterhood' who can mentor and support their colleagues".

IMAGE: (Above) Natasha Linard. (Photo courtesy of the Linard family).  
(Opposite) Keith and Anna Linard. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)



## Remembering a journalist, humanitarian and scholar

The Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS), Distinguished Professor Amin Saikal AM FASSA, remembers Jacky Anne Sutton as a highly intelligent and dedicated scholar.

“Jacky had an extraordinary capacity for active participation in various academic and humanitarian efforts and organisations. She had distinguished herself as a very gifted writer, thinker, researcher, teacher, organiser and activist,” Professor Saikal said.

“Widely respected amongst her colleagues and beyond, she was a figure of commendable intellectual substance, who did not shy away from taking risks to make a positive contribution to the lives of many people in a number of conflict zones from Afghanistan to Iraq,” he said.

Jacky was an “extraordinary friend and colleague, feminist, journalist, and peace activist,” according to Maryam Al-Khater, a researcher at CAIS.

“Her work for various humanitarian organisations, the United Nations and most recently her genuine and tireless efforts at the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, is a testament to what an extraordinary human being she was,” Maryam said.

Jacky was an experienced journalist who had worked with the BBC and many other international organisations in several countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan. Jacky had joined CAIS as a PhD scholar in January 2014, and at the time of her death she was conducting fieldwork in Erbil, Iraq.

A Jacky Anne Sutton Prize has been established in her honour and will recognise a student for the best results in the course ‘Politics in the Middle East’. The prize will be awarded annually from 2016.

IMAGE: Jacky Anne Sutton. (Photo courtesy CAIS)





## Lasting legal legacy

Almost a decade after the passing of Professor Phillipa Weeks, her ANU College of Law colleagues still sometimes ask themselves “what would Phillipa do?” when confronted with a challenging problem.

Such was the indelible mark left by Phillipa, a former Associate Dean and Head of School at the ANU College of Law, who died at age 53 after a year-long battle with cancer.

“Over years, many people have come and gone in this law school – they have all made different contributions – but Phillipa has left an enduring legacy in the place,” said Professor Stephen Bottomley, Dean, ANU College of Law.

In honour of Phillipa’s extensive contribution to the College, the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law was established in 2008 to provide financial support to rural high school leavers moving to Canberra to study a Bachelor of Laws, as a single degree or as part of a combined program.

The rural focus of the scholarship reflects Phillipa’s own path from Cootamundra High School in central western NSW, to academic prominence at ANU.

Scholarship committee chair Associate Professor Miriam Gani said the scholarship had supported students to move to Canberra to study from all over Australia including Dubbo, Tamworth and Bombala in NSW; Townsville in Queensland; and Gelorup in WA.

Laura Wood, the 2015 Scholarship recipient, said being awarded the scholarship and learning of Phillipa’s story gave her the strength to move from the tiny town of Ulverstone on the north-west coast of Tasmania to Canberra.

“This is such an incredible scholarship because it’s honouring such a hard-working and dedicated



woman,” Laura said. “Winning the scholarship really gave me a lot of confidence.”

The financial security provided by the scholarship was also an invaluable practical boost in supporting Laura’s move to Canberra.

The scholarship is one of several ways in which Phillipa’s memory is preserved at ANU. On the lawns outside the legal faculty buildings, a Japanese maple grows in honour of this inspiring academic.

When deciding upon the words to write on the plaque beneath the tree, Stephen said it was a difficult task to distil Phillipa’s many wonderful attributes into just a few words.

In the end, Phillipa was simply and eloquently described as “a beloved teacher, scholar, mentor and friend”.

“It’s quite often I see people pausing to look at the plaque. And for those of us who had worked with Phillipa, we enjoy watching the tree grow and spread,” Stephen said.

IMAGE: (Above) Professor Phillipa Weeks. (Photo courtesy of the ANU College of Law)  
(Opposite) Laura Wood. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)







## Strengthening the research culture across the Pacific

A scholarship supporting young and emerging scholars from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the Pacific region promises to nurture the next generation of researchers in Australia's developing neighbours, and create long-term ties between research communities.

The 2015 recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship, Logea Nao, said the scholarship had given her the opportunity to learn from Australia's best researchers. "It has allowed me to gain experience working in a research environment in Australia, and I have come to know a lot about a serious development issue in my country, which is domestic, family and sexual violence, and how we can respond to that problem," she said.

Logea said while much international attention had been focussed on this issue, a home-grown response was most likely to be effective.

"It is a pressing issue in my country," Logea said. "A lot of discussions have occurred, but in most cases, it's people from outside who are talking about this issue. I think it's about time that we start the discussion back home, particularly at the community level."

Professor Stephen Howes, Professor of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy at ANU, and Director of the Development Policy Centre, said the scholarships were helping to forge long-term ties between ANU and PNG and, eventually, other countries within the Pacific region.

"The key thing about these Greg Taylor Scholarships, is that they're not just [supporting research] on PNG and the Pacific, but they are supporting young and emerging researchers," Professor Howes said.

He said the scholarship not only helps their research communities but also helps to develop links here in Australia.

"We're pleased the Crawford School had stayed in touch with all four scholarship recipients," Professor Howes said.

The donors, ANU alumnus Dr David Chessell and Mrs Susan Chessell, named the scholarship in honour of eminent Australian Greg Taylor, AO, who has held various senior positions in both Australia and PNG, including serving as Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for both Australia and PNG. The scholarship was first awarded in 2013 and enables recipients to undertake research at the ANU Crawford School in the Development Policy Centre for up to three months on a topic relating to the development of PNG and the Pacific.

Logea, who is in her final semester of a Masters in International and Development Economics at the Crawford School, said the scholarship has been a great help to her, as a young Papua New Guinean researcher.

"I am sure that when I go home to PNG, I will be able to share the skills I have learnt and contribute to strengthening the research culture."



# RESEARCH

## Backing scientific endeavour

Being awarded the Angus Nicholson Honours Scholarship in Science in 2015 was a real “vote of confidence” for Rebecca Drown.

“It’s very encouraging when somebody believes in what you want to do and they back you,” Rebecca said.

This scholarship is offered by the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment and ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, and was established by Mr Jon Nicholson, in memory of his late father, Dr Angus Nicholson.

For her Honours thesis, Rebecca studied a tomato protein that protects plants against disease agents.

“My research focussed on a protein complex that signals to give resistance against a bacterial pathogen. There is a fine balance between too much signalling and not enough signalling. My project investigated how the complex controls its signalling ability,” she said.

Rebecca, who now works for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, said the scholarship eased financial pressures and allowed her to focus on her final year of her Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours).

“Receiving the 2015 Angus Nicholson Honours Scholarship in Science has allowed me to work less outside of university this year, and focus my efforts on my research.”

She said the degree allowed her to explore the diversity of science courses.

“I think there is a beauty to science. Scientific endeavour builds on itself, and connects people from different times and places. I think a scientist’s job is to question everything, and especially to question answers,” Rebecca said.

IMAGE: Rebecca Drown. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)





## Tackling the big public health issues

Public health and environmental pioneer the late Emeritus Professor Anthony (Tony) McMichael was never one to shy away from the world's big problems. From alerting the world to the dangers of passive smoking and identifying the health impacts of lead exposure, to explaining the health risks of an 'obesogenic' environment, Tony was drawn to tackling complex public health issues.

"Tony was interested in going down paths of intellectual inquiry where others might hesitate," said Tony's wife Associate Professor Judith Healy. One of Tony's frequently-cited papers directed to health scientists, for example, was titled *Prisoners of the Proximate*.

Tony was also acutely aware that many of the world's public health problems weighed more heavily on poorer, more vulnerable people than on wealthier populations. It was this combination of intellectual curiosity and commitment to social justice that attracted Tony to the challenges we face in a human-induced rapidly warming world – climate change and its present and future impact upon population health.

"Epidemiologists often look for simpler causal and more immediate links between infectious disease and health outcomes, or environmental stresses and health outcomes, whereas climate change is a difficult area of inquiry," said Judith, who is an associate professor at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at ANU.

"Tony was very interested in interdisciplinary inquiry – which you need to do in these big, wicked problems."

Tony, a former director of the ANU National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, became a pioneering voice in this field, particularly with the publication in 1993 of the seminal book *Planetary Overload*. He went on to lead the health risks assessment for the United Nation's

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It was for this role that Tony, along with 2,000 of his IPCC colleagues, was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

When asked how he thought the world would deal with climate change, Tony put the world on notice. "It's likely to be an extraordinary century and we're going to have to have our wits about us to get through it," he told US journalist Joanne Silberner before his death in 2014.

Tony's family wish to continue the critical conversation Tony started more than 20 years ago and, with ANU, have established the AJ (Tony) McMichael Endowment to support a speaker to attend the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) to deliver the Tony McMichael Annual Oration.

Professor Robyn Lucas, Head of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, said Tony was an important international figure in environmental epidemiology and a past president of ISEE.

"He also trained many researchers, including me, and was very supportive of developing early and mid-career researchers. The Oration in honour of Tony's work recognised both facets of his contribution to the field," she said.

Robyn said the Oration would highlight the work of an up-and-coming mid-career researcher in this field, continue the links between ISEE and ANU, and ensure that Tony continued to have a "presence" in this forum.

Robyn agreed that it was essential to maintain momentum in discussions about climate change and health. "The idea behind highlighting the work of a mid-career researcher was to help bring the next generation of Tony McMichaels through, to ensure continuity in these discussions."

IMAGE: Associate Professor Judith Healy. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)







## Visionary goal

Without the support of Bootes Medical Research Foundation funding, Dr Jason Potas said he would be “out of the game”.

“For someone like me, the impact of Bootes Foundation funding is massive,” said Jason, who leads the Neural Control Systems Laboratory at the ANU John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR).

“The Foundation has enabled my laboratory to continue to conduct independent quality research in an otherwise dire environment. For example, only 13.7 per cent of national applicants were awarded funding by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in 2015 and this generally goes to the big names, even though 85 per cent are considered ‘fundable’.”

The Bootes Foundation was established in 2008 by Gordon Bootes. Gordon came from a local cattle industry background and, apart from his time in the army during the Second World War, carried out the family tradition until a fire and failing eyesight, due to glaucoma, forced him to leave the property.

“It was his failing eyesight that led Gordon to donate money to medical research in the hope that future generations could lead healthier and more fulfilling lives. He was particularly interested in stem cell research and the regeneration and/or repair of damaged structures,” said Dianne Garner, co-director of the Bootes Medical Research Foundation.

“Gordon’s belief was that the acquisition of knowledge was an end in itself,” she said.

Gordon died in 2010, and the Foundation is now run by members of his family, grandsons Charles and Michael Bootes, and daughter-in-law, Dianne. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided valuable support to JCSMR.

“Gordon didn’t go on to university, but he had this incredible thirst for knowledge,” Dianne said. “His aim was to provide young researchers with opportunities that would otherwise be hard to come by and which were not available to him.”

The Bootes Foundation has supported many research projects at JCSMR, including the purchase of a Canon CR-2 fundus camera for the Clinical Visual Research Facility within the Eccles Institute for Neuroscience, as well as a host of research endeavours.

“Gordon believed that young researchers would often have good ideas that weren’t necessarily in line with large companies whose main focus was their bottom line and that these, sometimes unconventional, ideas needed assistance getting off the ground,” Dianne said.

Dr Jason Potas said Bootes Foundation funding enabled “little guys” like him to get preliminary work done to become more competitive for the bigger grants.

“Thanks to the Bootes Foundation, we are starting to publish some of our research in quality journals which would otherwise be near impossible.”

Jason said the Bootes Foundation was currently funding a project investigating red light to treat spinal cord injury.

“We found that red light penetrates the entire spinal cord and alters the biology to improve functional outcomes and reduce inflammation. Who would have thought a red light can do that? It’s pretty exciting,” he said.

IMAGE: Dr Jason Potas. (Photo by Adam Da Cruz)



## Building philanthropic momentum

Philanthropy is playing a key role in extending research goals and creating professional development opportunities for early-career researchers, according to Professor Ian Jackson, Director of the Research School of Earth Sciences.

Speaking on the 2015 launch of the Earth Sciences Future Fund, Ian said philanthropy provided “the icing on the cake”.

“Philanthropy has become much more important to Australian universities, including ANU. That’s not to say that universities as public institutions shouldn’t be primarily funded by government and by research grants from various sources, but income on an endowment supports activities that we’re otherwise unable to fund,” he said.

The Earth Sciences Future Fund, which was kick-started with a personal donation from Ian, aims to fund research fellowships and scholarships, as well as support field education and help preserve the University’s valuable geological collections.

Ian said donating to the fund was an opportunity to express his gratitude for the opportunities he has enjoyed in his 40 years at ANU.

“During my time as a PhD student in the early 1970s, I was the beneficiary of both the high-quality undergraduate teaching of Professor Brown’s Department of Geology, and also the stimulating research environment of Professor Jaeger’s Department of Geophysics and Geochemistry, which in 1973 became the Research School of Earth Sciences,” Ian said. “Following my return to the School as a Research Fellow in 1978, after postdoctoral experience at Caltech, I have enjoyed opportunities, unsurpassed elsewhere in the world, to explore new directions in experimental rock physics.”

The Earth Sciences Future Fund has already attracted donations of more than \$250,000 from alumni, staff and students.

“It’s still early days in a long campaign, but what we’re looking to do is to change the culture and cultivate an environment in which people who spend a lot of time in the School feel inclined to contribute and give something back,” Ian said.





## Nurturing new ideas

Social and economic forecaster Phil Ruthven knows the value of giving free rein to an inquiring mind.

It was almost 50 years ago, during a Rotary-sponsored study tour to the US, that the chemical engineering graduate was given a privileged peek at the US military's massive big-data capacity, in one of its underground war-rooms.

From this experience grew the idea of an information-intensive company to provide economic forecasting and strategic information services, and in 1971, Phil founded IBISWorld.

Now, IBISWorld, a global leader in business intelligence, is eager to support young researchers to break new ground.

"My company has been quite successful around the world and some years back we decided to give a percentage of our profits to charity each year," said Phil, adding that the company's focus is on disadvantaged youth and advanced education.

IBISWorld's 2015 donation to ANU will support research and a PhD scholarship to develop a statistical model-based integrative index of socio-economic health.

PhD supervisor Dr Grace Chiu, who will co-supervise the incoming IBISWorld Scholar with Dr Anton Westveld, said the project would look through an economic lens to better understand the wellbeing of society.

"Essentially, we are considering the wellbeing of society from an economic point of view. By using a rigorously quantifiable framework, like the economy, we can develop a scientific way to interpret what makes a society healthy," said Grace, who is a senior lecturer at the ANU Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics.

It's a model that piqued the interest of IBISWorld because the company had considered the issue from a similar perspective some years ago when it measured overall economic health, and by inference societal wellbeing.

But Phil emphasised that the donation comes with no-strings attached.

"We have left it fairly open for the PhD student to see where they want to go and how they want to get there," said Phil, who sits on the advisory board of the ANU College of Business and Economics.

"We just felt like it would be a useful thing for Australia, if ANU thought so too, to be able to have an economic measure of how well it's going.

"It's important to support young researchers and in doing so we put Australia in a better position to face the challenges of tomorrow."





# ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE

## President's message



To donors, friends and supporters, on behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank you personally for your support in 2015. As the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor have acknowledged in these pages, the University is indebted to you for your generous and loyal support.

It is my privilege to work with the University and its wonderful community of supporters. The Board has worked very closely with the University as the plan for philanthropy at ANU has evolved, and together we are witnessing important change: change in the way we think about philanthropy and what it means to this fine institution, now and in the future; and change in all the positive ways that giving impacts every facet of the ANU community.

It is the stories and experiences of recipients of your support that best communicate these impacts, and I encourage you take a moment to enjoy the stories in this report. They exemplify the calibre of students, staff and research at ANU, and the inspiring generosity shown to ANU by its supporters.

There are stories of giving that changes lives – like the Greg Taylor Scholarships, established by David and Sue Chessell, which support young and emerging scholars from Papua New Guinea. The 2015 recipient, Logea Nao, is looking at how to highlight and discuss the issue of domestic violence in her home country.

As an economist, I read with pleasure of the generous support of IBISWorld, led by founder and director, Phil Ruthven AM. The gift from IBISWorld will help researchers in the ANU College of Business and Economics to guide an IBISWorld Scholar in developing a statistical modelling framework to assess societal socio-economic health.

I was heartened to read the many stories of staff giving back to ANU and also was inspired by Ms Christine Whitworth's story of how her passion for music at a young age has led her to establish a prestigious classical music competition at the ANU School of Music.

The Australian tertiary landscape faces a challenging financial future from which ANU is not immune. The support ANU receives both from individual donors and from trusts, corporations and foundations helps the University set a course for its future – a future built on excellence, to keep ANU among the world's finest universities. Your support is critical to this.

As Governors on the Endowment, it is our privilege to act as ambassadors for the University and we do so with pride and endeavour. As part of this remit we assist the University executive in exercising due diligence and care to ensure that the wishes and interests of donors are always honoured in the way that your support is utilised within the University.

I thank my fellow Board members for their contributions in 2015, and also thank the members of the boards of the University's foundations established under the Endowment. They are esteemed members of the Australian community and we greatly appreciate their voluntary support.

I would like to extend my special thanks to the outgoing President, Mr Anthony Hartnell AM. We are indebted to him for his contribution and diligent guidance during his enduring tenure as President and we are delighted he remains a Board member.

Once again, thank you for your support of ANU and I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.



Dr Vince FitzGerald

President, Board of Governors  
Endowment for Excellence

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The Endowment is directed by a distinguished and independent Board of Governors.

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## Foundations of the Endowment

Named foundations within the Endowment for Excellence continued to be very active in pursuit of their missions in 2015.

### ANU Visual Arts Foundation

The ANU Foundation for the Visual Arts was created to offer continuing support for the ANU School of Art and scholarships for students of the visual arts, the Drill Hall Gallery and the ANU Art Collection.

High profile artists visiting the Drill Hall Gallery and the School of Art were again supported by the Visual Arts Foundation during 2015. At the Drill Hall Gallery, Michael Buzacott's Field Sculpture exhibition was a highlight. In this survey exhibition, curator and Drill Hall Gallery Director Terence Maloon focussed on Buzacott's early steel works and later painted steel examples created in the period up to 2012. VAF funding assisted with production of the catalogue and the artist's presence at the Exhibition.

At the Art School, support for the School's Visiting Artists program saw high profile artists in residence across the disciplines represented in the School. Notable visitors included Sotoris Dounoukas, an Australian-based film maker, and photographer Donna Hensler. Both artists were based in the Photography and Media Arts Workshop. Philip Weber was another visitor supported as the Craft and Design International Interdisciplinary Fellow.

The 2015 Visual Arts Foundation School of Art Scholarship was awarded to first year student Emma Hodges studying in the Painting Workshop.

### Herbert & Valmae Freilich Foundation

The Freilich Foundation exists for the study of all kinds of bigotry and the promotion of diversity and inclusion. Dorothy Hoddinott, one of Australia's most widely recognised school educators, gave the Herbert & Valmae Freilich Foundation Annual Lecture in Bigotry and Tolerance.

Dr Tinashe Dune and Dr Rachel Standfield were named the Herbert & Valmae Freilich Foundation Early Career Researchers Small Grants Scheme recipients.

### Edith and Joy London Foundation

The Edith and Joy London Foundation supports our most valuable ecological gift within the Endowment. The highlight of the year was the re-launch of a new edition of *They Came to Murramarang* by the late Bruce Hamon. Two years before Bruce passed away, he wished to have his book reprinted, and gifted the rights to the ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus. Staff also worked closely with the NPWS South Coast Shorebird Recovery Program to help protect a pair of Critically Endangered Hooded Plovers nesting regularly on the beaches of the campus.

## Foundations of the Endowment (cont.)

### Sir Roland Wilson Foundation

The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation plays an important role in policy debate and contributes to the national public policy dialogue. John Howard, former Prime Minister of Australia, gave the Sir Roland Wilson Annual Oration, entitled 'The reform challenge', and three public lectures were given by Professor Alan Auerbach, Director of the Robert D Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance; Professor Peter Dwyer, a leading thinker on welfare conditionality in the UK; and Mr Michael Pezzullo, Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, respectively.

Three new scholars were selected to join the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Scholarship Program in 2015. Chien-Hung Chien, Owen Freestone and Szabina Horvath will commence their studies in 2016.

### The John Curtin Medical Research Foundation

In 2015, the Foundation was proud to join with the Canberra Medical Society to continue the Foundation's support of the National Centre for Indigenous Genomics (NCIG). In May, a 1,000-strong crowd attended Government House for the Sunday Dreaming event. Proceeds from an auction and sale of Indigenous art and homewares will assist the NCIG in its important work.

Over 160 guests attended the third annual dinner at the National Portrait Gallery in November to hear from Nobel Laureate Professor Rolf Zinkernagel and to support cancer research at The John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) through a range of live and silent auctions and raffles. The Foundation is particularly grateful to Ron and Janice Parker for their \$100,000 pledge to support cancer research.

In December, the Foundation also supported the inaugural JCSMR Gender Equity Awards which assist scientists experiencing career disruption and career re-establishment issues due to family commitments.

The Foundation's events and the production of its high quality newsletter could not have happened without the commitment and dedication from the volunteer Board, sponsors and donors of which it is most grateful. This year has been particularly defining for the Foundation due to its part in a review of the present and future fundraising potential for health and medical research and teaching at ANU.

## School of Music Foundation

2015 represented the 50th year of the ANU School of Music's establishment. The work of the Foundation centred on supporting the School's birthday celebrations: a program of performance, teaching and lectures which showcased the School's achievements and leadership across diverse classical and contemporary genres.

A highlight was the inaugural Whitworth Roach Classical Music Performance Competition. In addition to a prize-pool of \$20,000, the supporting endowment generously donated by Miss Christine Whitworth also makes provision for the ANU School of Music to invite a musician or musicians of international acclaim to visit ANU in the week of the competition each year.

Another highlight was the Foundation's commissioning of a fanfare by Larry Sitsky, dedicated to Emeritus Professor Deane Terrell AO and premiered by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra in September.

In another year of transition for the School, the Foundation focussed its work on ensuring that the Endowment for which it has primary responsibility was used for maximum impact. The most important work of the Foundation and its endowment has been its support of the expanding program of Distinguished Artists in Residence. Fourteen individual artists and one ensemble ("The Noise") were supported under the program, providing variety, breadth and depth to the School's performance and teaching program.

## Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation

The Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation was created to steward the gift of Graham and Louise Tuckwell in its execution of the Tuckwell Scholarships. 2015 was the first year of the second cohort of 19 Tuckwell Scholars, and, together with the selection panel, the selection process for the third intake of 25 Scholars to commence in the 2016 academic year.

Scholar highlights in 2015 included: a reception at Government House hosted by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove; the production of the second edition of *The Bell* magazine; welcoming three new Tuckwell Fellows to the enrichment program: Professor Peter Kanowski, Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien, and Mr Chris Browne. They join existing Fellow Dr Mary Kilcline Cody and Head of Scholars House and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) Professor Richard Baker.

The end of 2015 saw the further development of the Tuckwell Scholars House academic program, with the appointment of the program's first full-time executive staff member. It is expected that the program will grow in strength and impact as the Scholarship continues towards its peak number of students in 2018.



## The ANU (UK) Foundation and ANU Foundation USA

The University is proud to acknowledge its many alumni and friends living abroad.

Established in 2015, the ANU Foundation USA and ANU (UK) Foundation are dedicated to strengthening ties between ANU and the United States and the United Kingdom by supporting scholarships, prizes, research projects, and other causes of interest to donors.

The 2015 donor honour roll includes donors who have supported ANU via the ANU Foundation USA and the named Foundations of the Endowment.

Due to administrative requirements, donors supporting ANU through the ANU (UK) Foundation in 2015 will be acknowledged in the 2016 donor honour roll.





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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE

## Income statement

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	31/12/2015 \$'000's	31/12/2014 \$'000's
<b>Operating income</b>		
Donations	8,683	4,141
Investment income	12,323	10,761
Other income <sup>1</sup>	1,250	2,544
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>22,256</b>	<b>17,446</b>

## Operating expenditure

Scholarships and stipends	3,642	3,263
Chairs and academic salaries and oncosts	2,637	2,588
Non-academic salaries and oncosts	738	607
Consumables	445	421
Research conferences and travel	720	355
Research projects	1,313	207
Other expenditure	478	361
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>7,802</b>

<b>Operating surplus/deficit</b>	<b>12,283</b>	<b>9,644</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Other income includes any internal matching of donations from other University funds.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2015

	31/12/2015 \$'000's	31/12/2014 \$'000's
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated Funds	239,019	226,736
<b>Reserves</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	37,047	30,298
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>37,047</b>	<b>30,298</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>276,066</b>	<b>257,034</b>

## Assets and liabilities

### Financial assets

Cash Balance	27,374	24,137
Deposits at call	0	13,573
Receivables	200	632
Investments - Long Term Investment Pool	246,505	194,487
Investments - Interest bearing securities	3,161	24,959
Investments - Direct share holdings	32	18
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>277,272</b>	<b>257,806</b>

### Financial liabilities

Creditors	(438)	(61)
Provisions	(768)	(711)
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>(1,206)</b>	<b>(772)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>276,066</b>	<b>257,034</b>

## Financial report summary

By category, as at 31 December 2015

	2015 Total Preserved Funds <sup>1</sup> \$'000	2015 Total Assets <sup>2</sup> \$'000	2014 Total Preserved Funds \$'000	2014 Total Assets \$'000
Named scholarships and prizes	30,106	73,444	30,123	65,466
ANU Excellence and Renewal Program	51,727	141,802	51,727	133,994
Inter-institutional arrangements	2,231	15,903	2,231	14,181
Flexible funds	8,323	22,953	8,323	19,576
Named foundations	14,835	22,970	15,366	23,957
<b>Endowment total</b>	<b>107,222</b>	<b>277,072</b>	<b>107,770</b>	<b>257,174</b>
Add: receivables		200		632
Less: provisions		(1,206)		(772)
<b>Total equity per balance sheet</b>		<b>276,066</b>		<b>257,034</b>

1 ANU Bursaries Fund closed and proceeds moved to Accommodation and Bursaries Endowment.  
AFFIRM Fund closed and proceeds moved to NIMHR Fund.

2 Sum of LTIP, Shares, Term Deposits and Cash on Hand.





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